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SUBJ: QATAR-BAHRAIN MEDIAN LINE

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1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION OF COMPANY'S ACTIVITIES IN QATAR,
(REPORTED SEPTTEL) PRESIDENT OF KOCH EXPLORATION COMPANY
(SUBSIDIARY OF KOCH OIL COMPANY) RICHARD BICK RAISED QUESTION
ABOUT BAHRAIN-QATAR MEDIAN LINE. BICK SAID OIL CONSORTIUM OF
WHICH KOCH IS MEMBER PLANS TO DRILL WELL FALL OF 1976 IN OFFSHORE
AREA NORTH WEST OF QATAR. BICK EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT ALTHOUGH
LOCATION WAS WITHIN CONCESSION AREA GRANTED CONSORTIUM BY GOQ
BAHRAINIS MAY CLAIM OIL RIGHTS IN SAME AREA. BICK GAVE COORDINATES
OF PROPOSED WELL SITE AS 26 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 35 SECONDS NORTH
BY 50 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST. POINT IS WELL NORTH
OF HWAR ISLAND, WHICH IS CLAIMED BY BOTH BAHRAIN AND QATAR.
BICK SAID CONSORTIUM VERY INTERESTED IN DRILLING IN AREA, BUT
NOT AT EXPENSE OF TROUBLE WITH GOB, AND ASKED IF WE COULD
FURNISH ANY INFO ON EXTENT OF BAHRAIN'S OFFSHORE CLAIMS.

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2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO ADDRESSEES CAN PROVIDE
THAT WE CAN PASS TO BICK ON BOUNDARIES OF OFFSHORE AREAS FOR
WHICH GOB CLAIMS MINERAL RIGHTS. WE WOULD ALSO BE GRATEFUL FOR
COORDINATES OF BOUNDARY OR MEDIAN LINES BETWEEN QATAR AND
BAHRAIN ESTABLISHED BY 1938 UK BOUNDARY COMMISSION THAT AWARDED
HVAR TO BAHRAINIS.
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